

in cases of hazing, bullying, or anything else our heroes want to handle privately by self-referral.

We won't get Brandon back, but his legacy will be the servicemembers' lives he saves when this bill becomes law. Let's pass the Brandon Act for Brandon, Teri, and Patrick Caserta, and for every servicemember who wants mental health help but can't get it. We owe it to them.

RECOGNIZING BUD COOK

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bud Cook, the northeast Pennsylvania program director for the Nature Conservancy.

For more than 40 years, Bud has been one of the foremost advocates for conservation and environmental protection in my community and in Pennsylvania.

For decades, Bud has led efforts to conserve and protect nature in the Greater Lehigh Valley and beyond. He established Monroe County Citizens for Open Space and led a pioneering fundraising campaign in support of land protection, and he has mentored generations of conservation advocates who have gone on to spearhead successful campaigns of their own.

Bud's quick wit and passion for his work have endeared him to many and helped create opportunities for collaboration in communities that might otherwise be divided, bringing together citizens united by their mutual desire to protect their beloved natural environment.

Bud's legacy can be experienced in the Hauser Nature Center in Long Pond, in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and innumerable places across my community where natural beauty is protected and preserved in our time and for generations to come.

As Bud prepares to retire and start a new chapter, I want to recognize his exceptional contributions.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful community, we thank and congratulate him for all he has done.

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ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to join you in the Chamber this evening. I thank all of our professional staff, as well; our parliamentarian, our readers, our clerks, our typists for their continued commitment to this institution in this climate.

It certainly feels different. We recognize that the well is no longer open for

this time period, that we speak from the desk and from the chairs, and yet, we still speak. We still deliberate. We still conduct the dialogue and the discourse of democracy, for that is what we do in this institution, we erect and pass the Nation's laws.

And oftentimes we hear from the public that it feels so polarized, that it feels too heated, that it feels stagnant because of the polarization. Why can't you just work together? You hear that all the time. I hear that from my district that is comprised of so many Independents, people who are not registered as Democrat or Republican. They are registered to vote, and they are good Americans in Michigan's 11th district, but they are looking for us to work together.

And in part, Madam Speaker, it is because I represent so many manufacturers, so many individuals who are engineers, who are dedicated makers and creators, so many educators, people passing those technical skills down to the next generation, Madam Speaker. I know you have many of those in your district in eastern Iowa. That is something us midwestern ladies have in common, the districts we represent are full of the people who make things. And they go to work every day not under a partisan circumstance, right, they go to work to produce, to give a good day's effort for that on-time delivery. That is the privilege I have representing the largest concentration of suppliers in America.

The world changed very quickly in 2020, this new decade in this still fledgling century. It changed so quickly with the coronavirus pandemic. Almost overnight schools stopped, work stopped. Health and safety paramount. The listening and the engagement with the science, the patience that we had to provide for the science with a new virus that swept the globe in a fiscal quarter, less than a fiscal quarter. Many infected, many perished tragically and unfortunately, and yet, our economy changed as a result.

And I think it is worth noting where our economy is today and what I am seeing out of my incredible district, a manufacturing district. We have some sayings in Michigan, the metro Detroit area. We call ourselves "metro Detroit." It is southeastern Michigan. It is just an absolutely remarkable place. And we say, you know, Detroit hustles harder, that Detroit hustles harder. And I like to say that Detroit always rises, that we rise when times are steady, and we certainly rise when times are tough. And we have done it before, Madam Speaker.

There is a fly in here, but I don't mind having a little fly buzzing around the floor. Who'd a thunk? But the words continue.

Detroit always rises. And we say that because 10 years ago we were staring at the edge of another cliff. Our auto industry was looking at bankruptcy, true liquidation, in the face. And it wasn't just a nameplate company, it wasn't

just General Motors and Chrysler and Ford, but it was the thousands of suppliers with the hundreds of thousands of jobs, 900,000 jobs on the line.

And Democrats and Republicans together said, We are not going to let Main Street fail. We are going to continue to be a first world Nation with industrial assets. And that is what we did with the CARES Act. Overwhelming support passed by a Republican Senate, a Democratic House, signed by a Republican President standing up for the hardworking American and for our industrial assets that we will continue to make cars in America.

Little known fact about southeastern Michigan, we have an incredible aerospace sector, a diversified supply chain. We just launched a rocket, SpaceX, into outer space. So many of the suppliers in my region, so many of the incredible workers helped produce the parts and components that go into those rockets. It is absolutely remarkable what we continue to do and the workforce that bests all the expectations.

So what did we do when this pandemic hit and we had to say, Guess what? For the health and safety of everyone, auto manufacturing is ceased for the time being. It had to shelter, it had to hibernate. But then they stood up and said, We are going to make protective personal equipment. Ford with their respirators. General Motors with the ventilators. Chrysler with a million-masks source and on and on down the supply chain.

The hand sanitizer coming from Michigan Enterprises. It has been unbelievable having those conversations.

AlphaUSA located right in Livonia, Michigan, right where our incredible district office is located. I saw them shortly before we went into the shutdown, a UAW-run supplier company and they were making the PPE. Now, we keep our fingers on the pulse of this manufacturing sector.

And we, by the way, recognize that today it is an incredibly special day, not only because it is America's birthday coming up and we salute all of our good men and women, our veterans, our current members of our Armed Forces, and those who, throughout our communities, are going to safely engage in recognizing America's birthday.

But we are also going to recognize what July 1st is, which is, it is the new day of our competitive framework as a North American continent. The USMCA. What the freshman class, with so many of us, came here to see done right, not for some, you know, bad action for the prescription drugs or anything along those lines, but to say, We are going to make things in America. We are going to increase Buy American content. We are going to make and produce and sell to the world, and by golly, we got this trade deal done.

And so now we can go and win, and we can compete more effectively

against China. We know they are a problem. We know they are not good actors. We know they manipulate their currency. We know that they dump. But yet, it is a new dynamic here with this trade deal, and it begins today.

And I am on the phone with the trade ambassador and the deputy trade ambassador and all our manufacturers working on an effective and fair implementation, recognizing that given this pandemic, given the low demand, that sales are down. It is on the front page of our Detroit newspapers today, the free press and the news, the projected almost-40-percent decline in auto sales.

Remember my friends, Detroit hustles harder. Detroit always rises. We rise to the industrial call in this Nation. That is what we did in World War II. And we don't say those things because they are clichés. We don't hearken to the Greatest Generation because it is trite. It is because we can do big things in this Nation collectively and together. We can fight common enemies. We can protect the health and safety of everyone together.

Look at what is manifesting in the neighborhoods around this country. Certainly, in the incredible neighborhoods that I represent. Right across the street from me is an industrial park right off of Auburn Road. And then you go on down and there is a nursing home. Heroes work here.

We value work in America. And there is no better time than this era that we have found ourselves in with the respect and dignity for the value of work and organized labor and a 21st century labor movement that is going to protect enforceable standards and make sure that no one has to go to work afraid, but that they can successfully go to work and produce that outcome. Everyone matters. No one should be left behind.

Our schools, the envy, frankly, in my opinion, in my district, the envy of the world because of our training programs. We have more first robotics teams in Michigan than in any other State in the country.

Now, I was looking forward to going to Worlds, okay, it is located in Michigan. It has teams from all over the world competing, not just because they are making amazing robotic machines and pieces of equipment, but they are doing strategy, they are doing communications, they are doing sales, they are doing diplomacy. These students give me hope, and we owe them all a debt, not just of gratitude but of responsibility.

We talked a lot about the class of 2020. We talked a lot about the class. They didn't get to go through their traditional sayonaras, the traditional graduations, the proms, the engagements. Some of them have senioritis to begin with. They are ready for that next step. They are ready for that training program, that engineering degree.

Oakland University, located in my district, an amazing engineering school

leading in cybersecurity. We are a hub for cybersecurity in Michigan's 11th District in partnership with Automation Alley. And yet we think about our students who are still coming through the pipeline who missed out on a sports season, who missed out on a computer science class, and yet they are not even seniors. And we have got to think very carefully and effectively and collectively as a government, not just exclusively as the House of Representatives as one Chamber, but in partnership with our government actors.

This is why I talk to the dozens of mayors from Michigan's 11th District every week. My friends, from Commerce, to Canton, to Plymouth, to Troy. We are on the phone with one another working, deliberating, identifying, and engaging. How do we get the best results possible for the most amount of people who we represent and work for in the given time? And that is what we are doing for our students.

So I want to remind every student from the Chamber of which I am delivering this address, the House of Representatives, we work for you and we will continue to be accountable to you and for you. We will listen to you, and we are so proud of you.

For the recently graduated seniors who are going to go off to that freshman year or to that new job or to join our military, we salute you. We are grateful for you.

And for those of you still making your way through, we are not going to leave you behind, and we are going to continue to listen to you and see all the ways in which you use the tools before you to succeed. It is absolutely remarkable.

And we are going to continue with your intellect, your talent, your brilliance to be leaders in Michigan of the manufacturing economy.

Where the world looks to us leading on electric vehicle technology, companies like soulbrain that make the chemicals, the electrolytes that go into the lithium-ion batteries. They are the only one in the region, and they are one of two in the United States.

So we talk a lot about Buy American. Buy American. American jobs. Of course, we do. We are the country that makes things that the entire world wants to buy. And when we look at the complexity of supply chains and sourcing Buy American and who chooses to expand their business, we love when they come to Michigan. We do that because we have the right policies in place, and we have the right tap-estry here.

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We are looking at our countless downtowns, small communities. I represent the suburbs, the downtown areas, the sole proprietors, the individual companies that are not reliant on a brand name, but they are reliant on themselves. They are entrepreneurs. It is really quite remarkable the leadership that they have shown.

We are going to continue to listen to them and compete on fair and level playing fields. That is certainly a big part of it.

We are going to recognize what a diverse workforce gets us, what the competition for talent gives us, and we are certainly going to talk with our community stakeholders.

We did so much in the CARES Act, Madam Speaker, to make sure that we stood up for the small businesses of America, the small businesses in our district. It is absolutely imperative to make sure that our small businesses can compete.

Now that some of our companies are back online and we are seeing our auto manufacturing go back—I was just at a great company, Clips & Clamps, a tool and die company. They bought a brand-new stamping machine, just gleaming, absolutely beautiful. They turned on the stamper; I cheered. Just amazing, the humming of making things in this country.

You have to understand the supply chain. You have to understand the complexity that goes into the payment cycles and the receivables and the need for fair and proper assurance.

We only have to bat our eyes a couple of times and then we remember what we were looking at when we had the largest drop in automotive sales in recent history. In 2008, credit dried up, and our suppliers were left wondering, "Am I going to get paid? Am I going to continue to be able to do the on-time delivery?" We have to do that today, right?

Liquidity in the supply chain is a real thing, and boy, is it complex to talk about. It certainly doesn't fit into a nice hashtag or a 140-character sound bite.

We wrote the Secretary of the Treasury about this, Senator GARY PETERS and I, along with the Michigan delegation.

This is a great coming together of our government if we can get this done and make sure that our suppliers can continue to supply the original equipment manufacturers. That is all they are asking for. That is all we are looking for in that.

I believe, with the right wherewithal in the Treasury, you can bring the banks together, you can listen to the workforce, you can make sure people still have jobs and that we continue to make things and compete as effectively as possible.

OPS Solutions is located in Wixom. I invite everyone to come over to Wixom, Michigan, home of the shuttered Ford Lincoln plant from 2007, a rebuilt area.

There were people who were singing the swan song of my region not too long ago. We know what they were saying. We stood up and said something different.

OPS Solutions is run by Paul Ryznar and his incredible team of people doing light-guided parts assembly. You can do it from home. You can do it with a

disability. It is something for all workers.

We talk about education and the need for equal funding in education. We talk about educating students of all abilities and jobs for people with all abilities. OPS Solutions was formed in the downtown in Ryznar's basement, a furloughed auto engineer creating this incredible new enterprise.

OPS Solutions just today joined the World Economic Forum, one of 50 companies in the advanced manufacturing and technology space.

The quiet humming that comes out of Michigan's 11th District is the determination for where the world is going to go with how we make things, how we sell things, and how we operate in a digital economy.

When we think about the plight of these last 20 years—I was talking to another small business owner in my district in the retail sector. "Oh, boy," he was saying, "these last 20 years have really been a whopper. We had 9/11. We had a recession. Now, we have a global pandemic. And every day, I am going into work, and I am working to sell, and I am working to connect with customers. And now, it is really different, connecting with customers."

You look at us as a Nation, and so many of these students today, these young adults, were just being born when our Twin Towers fell down and when our Pentagon was attacked.

I was a young freshman myself at American University, dropped off for school, a kid from the Midwest who got a chance to study political science at an incredible school just a few miles from the Pentagon. My mom and my brother dropped me off, and they left.

I had been talking to my mom about my new Government 101 political science course. I said, "Mom, I am so excited. This is such an amazing class. It is four credits, and that extra credit is experiential learning, and we get to go to the Pentagon." That was the last conversation I had with my mom before 9/11/2001.

She was calling my dorm room. She was calling my dorm room, and she was trying to get in touch with me. Everyone was trying to get in touch with their loved ones, before the smartphone. She couldn't get through.

I signed on to AOL Instant Messenger: "Hey, mom."

What happened next, as a Nation? It is a long story, but economically, we were the ones who proliferated the internet in Industry 4.0, as some people like to describe it, the industrial Internet of Things, making faster, better, closer together, re-localizing manufacturing, re-shoring the production of things.

I believe that device, those flat-screen devices, came from the great innovation of America.

That is what we celebrate. That is what we work toward. That is the tapestry that we are working to put together in this Chamber.

Come visit us at the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

under EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON's fabulous leadership, Chair EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, an incredible leader.

Shortly before this pandemic was declared, we passed a bipartisan energy and R&D package through the committee. JIM BAIRD and I, my ranking member, as I have the privilege of serving as the chair for the Research and Technology Subcommittee, passed the Building Blocks of STEM Act, investing in our next generation through the National Science Foundation.

We can do these things with a return on the taxpayer dollar, by the way. We can have the conversation about effective and efficient spending. Just as this institution made money from the auto rescue, the taxpayer made money.

I am optimistic about what is ahead. I am committed to what is ahead because of the stories and the people whom I have the privilege of working alongside in Michigan's 11th District.

I thank you, Madam Speaker, for your time and your diligence this evening, and all the people who continue to make our House of Representatives hum.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

CENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN LEGION EARL GRAHAM POST 159

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100-year anniversary of American Legion Earl Graham Post 159.

American Legion Post 159 was chartered 13 February 1920 and named after First Lieutenant Cyrus Earl Graham, Texas A&M University class of 1916.

Lieutenant Graham was a member of the United States Army Air Corps and was killed in action in France on 9 November 1918.

From the beginning, The American Legion created an egalitarian organization open to membership regardless of race, gender, or religion. Post 159 has embodied these goals and has been a community-minded organization since its inception 100 years ago.

During this period, Post 159 has been dedicated to serving the local Brazos Valley community through events such as the Brazos County Fair and the historical Juneteenth Celebration, both of which were hosted on The American Legion grounds. These events saw over 1,000 people come together to embrace our community.

Post 159 of The American Legion continues its commitment to the community to this day, with programs that provide activities for local youth and veterans, as well as support for Active Duty military members serving overseas.

The annual Resource Fair and Veterans Assistance program provides over

\$20,000 in financial assistance to veterans in need.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that The American Legion Earl Graham Post 159 has had a significant and positive impact on the Brazos Valley during its 100-year history.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize this significant milestone and their contributions to our veterans and to our community.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, and for our military men and women who protect us and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING CLIFFORD SPIEGELMAN, PH.D.

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Clifford Spiegelman of College Station, Texas, who passed away on 14 May 2020.

Dr. Spiegelman, known as Cliff to his family and friends, was born on 15 May 1948 in Long Island, New York, to Charlie and Doris Spiegelman.

In school, he was recognized as an accomplished athlete and won numerous awards for track and other sports. He also excelled in the classroom and pursued a career in academics, receiving his bachelor of science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1970, his master's degree in managerial economics from Northwestern University in 1973, and his Ph.D. in statistics and applied mathematics from Northwestern University in 1976.

Cliff started his career with the agency now known as the National Institute of Standards and Technology, commonly called NIST. He later became a tenured professor at the Department of Statistics at Texas A&M University.

Serving on the faculty at Texas A&M for over 30 years, Cliff became renowned in his field and a highly sought-after expert in the application of statistical expertise to forensic science, chemistry, and medicine. In 2019, he was named a distinguished professor of statistics, the university's highest rank for faculty. His contributions to the field of statistics were further recognized in his appointment as a regents professor in 2019.

Cliff was particularly known for his helpful nature and deep commitment to justice and fairness in the criminal justice system. He was nationally recognized for his research on statistical interpretation of criminal evidence, such as bullet fragment analysis and firearm tool marks.

He was a fierce advocate of accuracy by investigators to prevent false convictions. He further expanded his advocacy through his work with the Innocence Project, testifying pro bono in evidentiary admissibility hearings and providing research that played critical roles in overturning false convictions of innocent individuals.

His commitment to justice extended outside of the courtroom as well. He